



## *April E-News*

### Holy Week Services

**Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm**  
**Good Friday, March 29, 7:00 pm**  
**Easter Vigil, March 30, 8:30 pm**  
**Easter, March 31, 7:30 and 9:30 am**

### *It's Festival Planning Time*

***June 2, 11 am-5 pm***

Your returning Festival chairs Kristy Ericson, Karen Hosier and Erica Williamson, have begun preparations for our 2024 festival. We are still in need of a captain for our Game Booths. The games are picked, the volunteers will be filled by the school, we need someone to oversee the supplies and ensure all setup is ready to roll at 11am. Setup is coordinated with the Men's groups who do most of the heavy lifting. If you have questions, contact any festival chair at [festival@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:festival@stpiusxomaha.org). Exciting new things coming include: Large Cash Lottery, Corn Hole Tournament, New Adventure Book Sale, and more. Signups and more coming in April.

**Sewers, Jewelry Makers and Crafters of all types!!** The SPX Festival is coming up in about 2 months, on June 2. Please consider donating your creations to the Craft Booth. Kitchen items (potholders, microwave bowl caddies, dish towels etc., are all great items. Baby items, aprons, handmade jewelry and note/greeting cards are all popular. We even sell homemade jams/jellies and plants. (We also sell vintage jewelry.) Thank you for the continued support of the Craft Booth. Questions: Colleen, [cdmomaha@gmail.com](mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com)

### *Special Message from St. Pius X Pastoral Council at the end of this e-news.*

**STAY WITH ME – an invitation to Adoration on Holy Thursday** This year, the Altar of Repose will be in the Church instead of the Parish Center, with adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 pm until midnight. Church doors will be locked after the service, but someone will let people in through the main glass doors (north-west side). Everyone is encouraged to keep company with Jesus in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist and the gift of salvation. To ensure that the full adoration time is covered, please contact the parish office or use this link to sign up for one (or two) 30-minute periods. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F084CAEA62EA4FB6-48517162-holy>

**St. Pius Youth Choir for 1st Communion, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:45 am practice, Mass, noon** St. Pius is putting together a youth choir to sing at First Holy Communion. All third through high school students are invited. Email [janet.drvol@spsl.net](mailto:janet.drvol@spsl.net) to sign up.

**St. Pius X Health Ministry Blood Pressure (BP) screening after Masses! April 13-14** Second weekend every month at all Masses (Mark your calendars)

**Spring Clean Up, Saturday, April 13, Fall Clean Up 9:00 am** Bring garden tools and your entire family to help spruce up the church property!! THIS IS A GREAT FAMILY OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON GOOD! *Also a chance for service hours for anyone needing those.* Questions or want to help other ways, contact Cindy Johnson at the parish office. 402-558-8446 or [cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org)

**Theology Matters, Caregiver Event, Sunday, April 14, 11:00 am-12:30 pm, Parish Center** Join us for a free screening of the "Unseen Caregivers" documentary as part of an event to help us learn how to recognize, value and support the caregivers in our midst. This is an important part of our parish culture of welcoming.

**Women's Organization Spring Brunch, April 20, 9:00 am MASS, BRUNCH AND SPEAKER** Speakers will be Pam Font-Gabel, Director and Jamila Azad, Driving Program Coordinator from *Refugee Women Rising*. TICKET SALES: After masses April 6 and 7 and April 13 and 14 or in the parish office through April 16. See flyer in the kiosk for details. **SPECIAL THIS YEAR!** We will have an optional collection of NEW pillows to donate to The Furniture Project. Bring a pillow to brunch or to the narthex during ticket sales. Even if you cannot come to brunch, donate a pillow if you like. Let's collect **70** pillows in a nod to our **70** years as a welcoming, generous parish!

**Family Mass, Sunday, April 21, 9:30 am** While we hope every Mass is an opportunity to come and pray with your family and your faith family, this Mass we will be blessed with our young people helping lead the community. Donuts will be served after Mass.

**Altar Server Training - Sunday, April 21, 2024 10:30-noon in the Church** St. Pius X Parish youth in grades 5-high school are invited to serve at the altar during Mass. Whether they are new to altar serving or want to brush up after being away during the pandemic, they are welcome to come and learn how to assist the presider at Mass. Sign up by calling Colleen at 402-558-1898 emailing [colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:colleenc@stpiusxomaha.org).

**Come join the 19<sup>th</sup> year of Supper Club! Sunday, April 28, 5:30** We meet new people, enjoy good conversations and eat tasty food. We start this 6-month group with a kickoff potluck meal at the O'Brien Parish Center in the Fireplace Room. Participation is easy. You host a meal once in the next 5 months. The rest of your group of 2 or 3 other couples/singles takes their turn hosting as well. For more details, see the flier in the kiosk. Join Supper Club by contacting Katy at [katysalzman1@yahoo.com](mailto:katysalzman1@yahoo.com), Colleen at [cdmomaha@gmail.com](mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com) or Trish at 402-991-2625.

**Join us at a Taize Service, Monday, April 29th, at 5:30 PM in the church** Are you longing for a prayer service filled with quiet and meditation? 'Taize' is a contemplative prayer form that began in France with an ecumenical community of religious brothers. In a world filled with non-stop noise, you are invited to slow down and enter the quiet. Take the opportunity to experience contemplative prayer and meditative music as you listen to God's voice.

**From the Finance Committee** The final quarter of the parish fiscal year begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an important reminder that our campaign, launched in late November, had two components: 1. Erase the deficit that had occurred in making payments to the school (the immediate goal) 2. Have parishioners increase Sunday and Christmas/Easter by 50% (to avoid deficits in the future). The first goal was accomplished thanks to the generosity of many parishioners.

The second goal includes not only increased Sunday/holiday contributions but also includes support of the Parish Festival (June 2<sup>nd</sup>). The Parish Festival Committee has begun its planning for this important fund raising event. The Festival Committee is seeking volunteers and financial support as the fundraising goal for this event has been increased. *Your support of this event is needed!*

**From Health Ministry** National Healthcare Decisions Day is April 16<sup>th</sup>. National Healthcare Decisions Day is aimed at increasing the number of Americans who complete advance care planning. Experts say only about 20-30% of Americans have completed an advance directive even though all people age 18 and older should have one. Advance care planning includes completing an Advance Directive ("living will") and appointing a Health Care Power of Attorney (someone to make healthcare decisions for you if you are unable). If you'd like to speak to someone directly regarding Advance Care Planning for your individual needs feel free to contact St. Pius X parishioner, Meg Urisck APRN-NP, at 402.689.6588 or [megursick@gmail.com](mailto:megursick@gmail.com)

## **Parish Guidebook and Directory**

### **Advertising Opportunity**

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions and events plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

### **Update Membership Information by May 31**

Does our Parish database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any

changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year. Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. The Parish Office number is 402-558-8446.

### **Opportunities to share your gifts.**

**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** St. Pius X Parish officially began May 8, 1954, when the Chancellor of the Omaha Archdiocese wrote the Rev. George Kempker in Worthington, Ohio. In effect the letter said: We're building a new parish; we want you to be the "architect." You'll start with two blocks of property at 69th & Blondo (a cornfield), 500 families, and our prayers. And, as they say, the rest is history! This year we will be celebrating, remembering and embracing our wonderful parish, St. Pius X. To do this successfully, your help is needed. Please look at the list and see where your strengths can help. Contact Colleen and Jerry to volunteer 402-740-7372 or <mailto:cdmomaha@gmail.com> List: Special Liturgy, through the years history display, Benson/Dundee Parades, Etc. IF you are interested the next meeting is on Sunday, April 7 after 9:30 mass in the MPR in church.

### **From SPSL School**

**SPSL is now enrolling all grades** for the 2024-25 school year, Pre-K through 8th! To learn more or schedule a tour, please call the school office at 402-551-6667 or email [kim.kenney@spsl.net](mailto:kim.kenney@spsl.net).

**First Aid/CPR/AED Training, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 am-2 pm** SPSL School In partnership with the American Red Cross a training will be held in the Parish Center. There are 48 slots available (First come, first serve via registration). Cost (per person): \$114.16 - CHECKS made out to SPSL or cash sent to school or brought to training. Must be 8th grade or older to register and must physically be able to perform all skills. The certificate of completion will be sent via e-mail and is good for 2 years. **Registration cutoff is Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024.** [Register here.](#) Parishioners are welcome to sign up.

**Save the Date, 20<sup>th</sup> SPSL Annual Gold Classic, Monday, May 20 Field Club** Program, Prizes and Dinner. Foursome: \$530, Individual \$130. More information contact Joe Toppi, 402-551-6667, [joe.toppi@spsl.net](mailto:joe.toppi@spsl.net)

### **From Our Family of Parishes**

**ST LEO Vacation Bible School REGISTRATION IS OPEN** Children ages 5-12 (Entering Kindergarten - Grade 5 in fall of 2024) are invited to join us to dive deep into friendship with God! At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about! Please register by May 15th at NOON to ensure a t-shirt for your child. **DATES** Monday, June 3— Thursday, June 6 9:00am — 12:00pm **FEES** Cost is \$40 per child and includes a t-shirt. \*if you'd like to add \$2 per child for transaction fee we would welcome that, Thank you! **VBS VOLUNTEER INFORMATION** No fees for volunteers but you MUST ATTEND TRAINING Sunday, June 4th from 11:00 am - 11:55 am & be entering 6th grade in the fall of 2024. \*Anyone over 19 must be Safe Environment certified by the Archdiocese of Omaha. **LINK TO REGISTER:** [vbspro.events/p/stleoscuba](https://vbspro.events/p/stleoscuba)

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## From Pastoral Council

### The Pastoral Council Needs You!

This fall there are up to four open positions on the Pastoral Council. This ministry is a consultative body that meets with the Pastor to set the vision and direction of the parish. They listen to suggestions and inquiries from the congregation and share them at monthly meetings. Council members also foster a welcoming and nurturing environment for all who worship with us. Those on the council serve a three-year term.

With a new Priest coming to St. Pius X, it is important to have a diverse council in place to guide him as he makes this transition and learns about the culture and priorities of our St. Pius X parish. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about our mission and are committed to serving our community with love, integrity, and compassion.

Prayerfully consider offering yourself as a candidate for the council. Diversity strengthens our council and enriches our collective wisdom, so self-nominations from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences will be accepted until April 15, 2024.

Like the early church, there is no "election". On Sunday May 19, 2024, at the 9:30 Mass we will draw names from a hat to choose the new members of the council.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our church family. Together, let us continue our tradition of sacrifice, hard work and simplicity.

If you have questions, please reach out to Pastoral Council President Erica Williamson, Pastoral Associate Cindy Johnson [cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org](mailto:cindyj@stpiusxomaha.org), or our current administrator, Deacon Kevin Fuller [kfuller@archomaha.org](mailto:kfuller@archomaha.org).

For consideration, please submit your name to Erica at [ericawilliamson13@gmail.com](mailto:ericawilliamson13@gmail.com).

Blessings,

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